(b) We have been informed by the Saudi Arabian Goverrnment that there was no question of transferring to Pakistan the CSS-2 missiles acquired by Saudi Arabia from China.

Production of laser-range finder by Pakistan

1564. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has unveiled a new missile recently which is a shoulder-fired surface to surface missible;

(b) what is Governmen's information about it;

(c) what action has been taken by Governments in this connection; and

(d) whether a laser-rang finder has also been produced by Pak defence laboratories; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) to (d) Government have seen reports of Pakistan having manufactured shoulder-fired surface-to air missiles and laser-range finders. Government continue to keep a close watch on all developments having a bearing on India's security and take necessary measures to safeguard it.

Setting up of computerised literacy data base by Sahitya Academy

1565. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sahitya Academy proposes to set up the computerised literacy database; if so, what are the details of this scheme;

(b) what programme has been undertaken by the Academy in collaboration with their Russian counterparts for publication of contemporary Indian and Soviet literature; and

(c) what are the details of programme for the International field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Under the cultural exchange programme between the two countries, the Akademi acts as a nodal agency for the publication of 20th Century Indo-Soviet Literature project under which classics of both the Countries of the period are being translated into each others language.

(c) The Akademi does not have a specific programme for the International field. However, it has a regular programme of translating foreign classics into Indian languages on reciprocal basis under the Cultural exchange programmes of Govt. of India with various countries. A few Publications in collaboration with UNESCO have been brought out by the Akademi. Also Scholars from abroad have been invited for participation in its International Seminars, besides exchanging writers under the Cultural Exchange Programmes.